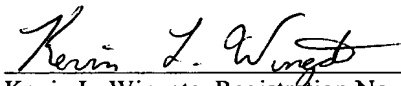


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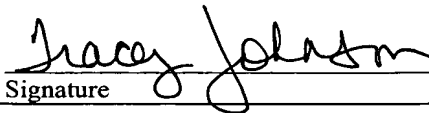
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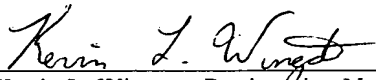
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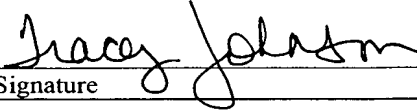
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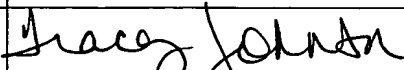
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Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please consider the following remarks.

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37. (Original) The ion sensing apparatus of claim 36 further comprising an ignition driver module for providing energy to the spark plug.

38. (Original) The ion sensing apparatus of claim 36 further comprising a control module, the control module including an ionization module for detecting and analyzing the ion current.

39. (Original) The ion sensing apparatus of claim 38 wherein the control module further includes a plasma driver for providing high energy sparks to the spark plug.

40. (Original) A method to cold start a reciprocating diesel engine in accordance with the spark plug of claim 36 comprising the step of providing sparks to the spark plug located in a combustion chamber of the reciprocating diesel engine wherein the energy of the sparks are of a sufficient magnitude to be able to ignite the diesel fuel mixture in the combustion chamber.

41. (Original) The method of claim 40 wherein the step of providing the sparks to the spark plug comprises providing high current sparks of a magnitude that keeps carbon build-up off the ceramic surfaces of the spark plug.

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85. (Original) An apparatus that measures ionization in a direct injected engine having an injector, the apparatus comprising the injector adapted to sense ions, wherein the injector is insulated from ground and pulled to a negative voltage for ion sensing.

86. (Original) The apparatus of claim 85 further comprising a drive circuit for the injector that is isolated from the negative voltage.

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87. (Original) The apparatus of claim 85 further comprising a drive circuit having a diode electrically connected to ground so as to flow positive voltage while holding back the negative voltage.

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REMARKS

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The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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